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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 24-26 without prejudice. Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving control operations from a source external to a client device;
determining a current operating state of said client device;
determining whether execution of said received control operations are permitted while
said client device is in said determined ~~current~~ operating state; and
executing said received control operations if said execution has been determined to be
permitted.
 - 2 (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving externally provided
control operations includes receiving a system reset operation.
 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving externally provided
control operations includes receiving a system power operation.
 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said externally provided control
operations are received from a server device coupled to said client device over a network.
 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said current operating state of said
client device is determined by inspecting at least one status register on said client.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said control operations are permitted while said client device is in a system hung state.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said externally provided control operations are received via a network data packet encapsulated according to a remote management and control protocol (RMCP).

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8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:
a first electronic component;
a bus;
a sensor coupled to said bus and said first electronic component to sense events in said first electronic component; and
a second electronic component coupled to said bus to conditionally cause said first electronic component to perform a plurality of functions through said sensor, via said bus, responsive to control operations from a source external to the apparatus.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said first electronic component further comprises a reset pin, and wherein said second electronic component coupled to said bus conditionally causes said first electronic component to perform a reset function.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said first electronic component includes a processor.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said bus includes a system management bus.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising a network controller.

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13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said external control operations are provided by a server device connected to said apparatus through said network controller.

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14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:
an operating system; and
a processor to execute said operating system.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said second electronic component conditionally causes said first electronic component to perform said plurality of functions prior to said operating system having been executed by said processor.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said externally provided control operations are encapsulated in a remote management and control protocol (RMCP) formed data packet.

17 - 23 (Withdrawn)

✓ 24 - 26 (Canceled)